

## Home and Community Based Waivers – 2008

Individuals who are elderly and/or disabled may qualify for home and community based services through one of these waiver programs. These services are to protect the health, safety, and dignity of those individuals who are at risk of institutional care and will allow them to receive full Medicaid coverage in the community setting. Individuals who are disabled may first apply for SSI or disability benefits through the Social Security Administration in order to determine if they meet disability requirements. Aged or disabled individuals must meet the specific eligibility requirements for each waiver listed below to receive the waiver services.

**Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver Program.** Individuals who are elderly and/or disabled may apply for this program.

**Financial Eligibility:** The income limit is \$1,911 per month. The resource limit is \$2,000 as of the first day of each month.

**Level of Care:** The individual must be disabled and meet the nursing facility level of care.

**Services:** Case management, homemaker services, personal care, respite care (skilled and unskilled), adult day health, adult companion services and home delivered meals.

**Contact:** Limited funds are available for this waiver. Contact your local county Department of Public Health or your local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-243-5463 to apply for this waiver. For additional information contact Glenda Harris at Public Health (334-206-5341) or Jean Stone at the Department of Senior Services (1-800-243-5463).

**State of Alabama Independent Living Waiver (SAIL) Program.** Individuals who are at least 18 years of age, with specific medical diagnoses, who meet the criteria for Medicaid coverage in a nursing home but prefer to remain at home, may be eligible for full Medicaid coverage through the State of Alabama Independent Living Waiver program. Specific medical diagnoses include, but are not limited to: Quadriplegia, Traumatic Brain Injury, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Multiple Sclerosis, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Muscular Dystrophy, Severe Cerebral Palsy, Stroke and other substantial neurological impairments, severely debilitating diseases or rare genetic diseases.

**Financial Eligibility:** The income limit is \$1,911 per month, and the resource limit is \$2,000 as of the first day of each month.

**Level of Care:** The individual must meet the nursing facility level of care.

**Services:** Case management, personal care services, environmental accessibility adaptations, personal emergency response system (installation and monthly), medical supplies, assistive technology, assistive technology repairs, evaluations for assistive technology, and personal assistance services.

**Contact:** Limited funds are available for this waiver. Contact your local Department of Rehabilitation Services to apply for this waiver. For additional information contact Karen Coffey at the Department of Rehabilitation Services (1-800-441-7607).

**Mental Retardation (MR) Waiver Program.** Individuals who are diagnosed as mentally retarded (and are age 3 and above) may apply for this waiver. These individuals must meet the income, resource, disability or age, and medical criteria for an institutional care facility for the mentally retarded. These individuals receive Medicaid coverage in the community and would not be placed in an institution.

**Financial Eligibility:** The income limit is \$1,911 per month, and the resource limit is \$2,000 as of the first day of each month.

**Level of Care:** The individual must meet the Intermediate Care Facility/ Mentally Retarded level of care and have an I.Q. below 70.

**Services:** Residential habilitation – group home/other, day habilitation, prevocational, supported employment, occupational therapy, speech, hearing, and language therapy, physical therapy, behavior management, companion services, respite care, personal care, environmental accessibility adaptations, specialized medical supplies, assistive technology, skilled nursing, community specialist, and crisis intervention.

**Contact:** Limited funds are available for this waiver. Contact your local Department of Mental Health to apply for this waiver. For additional information contact Fordyce Mitchel at the Department of Mental Health (1-800-367-0955).

**HIV/AIDS Waiver Program.** Individuals who are at least 21 years of age and who have a diagnosis of HIV, AIDS and/or related illness, who meet the criteria for Medicaid coverage in a nursing home, may be eligible for Medicaid coverage through the HIV/AIDS Waiver program.

**Financial Eligibility:** The income limit is \$1,911 per month, and the resource limit is \$2,000 as of the first day of each month.

**Level of Care:** The individual must meet the criteria for nursing facility level of care.

**Services:** Case management, homemaker, personal care, respite care, skilled nursing services and companion services.

**Contact:** Limited funds are available for this waiver. Contact your local Department of Public Health for this waiver. For additional information contact Glenda Harris at the Department of Public Health (334-206-5341).

**Technology Assisted (TA) Waiver for Adults Program.** Individuals who were receiving private duty nursing services but who are no longer eligible for private duty nursing services through the EPSDT Program upon turning age 21 and for whom private duty nursing services continue to be medically necessary based upon approved private duty nursing criteria, may be eligible for Medicaid coverage through the Technology Assisted Waiver.

**Financial Eligibility:** The income limit is \$1,911 per month, and the resource limit is \$2,000 as of the first day of each month.

**Level of Care:** The individual must meet the criteria for nursing facility level of care.

**Services:** Private duty nursing, personal care/attendant services, medical supplies, and assistive technology.

**Contact:** Limited funds are available for this waiver. Contact the Department of Rehabilitation Services to apply for this waiver. For additional information contact Karen Coffey at the Department of Rehabilitation Services (1-800-441-7607).

**Living at Home (LAH) Waiver Program.** Individuals, age 3 and above, who are diagnosed as mentally retarded or with related conditions may apply for this waiver. These individuals would receive Medicaid coverage in the community and not be placed in an institution.

**Financial Eligibility:** The income limit is \$657 per month, and the resource limit is \$2,000 as of the first day of each month.

**Level of Care:** The individual must meet the Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) level of care and with a diagnosis of mental retardation.

**Services:** Residential habilitation, personal care, personal care transportation, respite care, day habilitation, prevocational services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, skilled nursing, behavior management, environmental accessibility adaptation, specialized medical equipment and supplies, supported employment, speech and language therapy, community specialist, and crisis intervention.

**Contact:** Limited funds are available for this waiver. Contact your local Department of Mental Health to apply for this waiver. For additional information contact Fordyce Mitchel at the Alabama Department of Mental Health (1-800-367-0955).